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Beautiful Comet Hyakutake appeared in 1996. We know a lot more about comets than we used to, thanks to NASA missions such as Stardust and Stardust NExT. Read about "Cool, Curious Comets" at spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/posters/#solarsystem.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month. Watch Space Place Live! interviews to find out how!

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Bubblegum Day.
A bit similar, gumdrops make terrific greenhouse gas molecules. Try 'em! You'll like 'em!

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Groundhog Day.
The groundhog should consult the GOES satellites, not his shadow!

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NEW MOON

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National Weatherperson's Day. Honor it by going on a Wild Weather Adventure!

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Apollo 14 astronauts played golf on the Moon, 1971. When humans next return to the Moon, they'll have weeks or months to practice.

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Stardust mission launched this day, in 1999. It captured samples of Comet Wild 2 and returned them to Earth. Read about cool comets.

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FIRST QUARTER

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Charles Darwin born this day in 1809. You will understand his discovery of evolution of species after playing with the Emoticonstructor.

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Valentine's Day

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Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Show her our Space Place Live! cartoon interviews with women engineers and scientists.

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FULL MOON

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Nicolaus Copernicus was born in 1473. He thought the center of the Universe was near the Sun. Wrong! But where is it?

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International Mother Language Day. If yours is Spanish, we have a website just for you.

Presidents' Day

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Thinking Day. Give your brain a workout and go Vec—> Touring today!

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LAST QUARTER

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Quiet Day. Even the most violent events in space make no sound—unless it is the Black Hole Game on The Space Place.

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Month of February: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/live

Feb. 1: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/tes/gumdrops

Feb. 2: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_page2.shtml#weatherteam

Feb. 5: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/goes/www

Feb. 6: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/exploration/habitat

Feb. 7: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/posters/#solarsystem

Feb. 12: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/st5/emoticon

Feb. 17: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/live

Feb. 19: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2003_june.shtml

Feb. 21: spaceplace.nasa.gov/sp/kids

Feb. 22: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/st7/vectouring

Feb. 25: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/blackhole